

SENATE BILL 1637

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Chapter 257 of the Private Acts of 1923; as amended by Chapter 25 of the Private Acts of 2003; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the Town of White Bluff.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 257 of the Private Acts of 1923, as amended by Chapter 25 of the Private Acts of 2003, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 8 and substituting instead the following:

Section 8. Election of Mayor and Council members. Beginning and effective November 8, 2022, the Town of White Bluff shall hold elections every two (2) years, to coincide with the general election day for Dickson County as held and determined by the Election Commission of Dickson County and shall be held under and according to the general election laws of the State of Tennessee in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, and all persons who are residents of the Town of White Bluff and qualified to vote under the general election laws of Tennessee shall be allowed to vote in said elections. All persons currently serving shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified. The Mayor and the five (5) members of the Council shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Beginning on November 8, 2022, the Mayor and two (2) Council members shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, and every four (4) years thereafter. In the general election in November of 2024, there shall be elected three (3) Council members to serve a term of four (4) years, and every four (4) years thereafter. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast in said elections shall be declared elected and in the event of a tie vote between any candidates, such tie shall be decided by a vote of the members of the Council-elect. Any officer elected by the qualified voters of the Town of White Bluff moving outside of the municipality's

boundaries during such officer's terms of office shall be presumed to have vacated the office, and it shall be declared vacant by the Town Council and filled as provided elsewhere in this charter.

SECTION 2. Chapter 257 of the Private Acts of 1923, as amended by Chapter 25 of the Private Acts of 2003, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 26 and substituting instead the following:

Section 26. Salaries. The salary of the Mayor shall be five hundred dollars (\$500) per month, and the Mayor shall have no expense account. The salary of each member of the Town Council shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per month. Each council member will also receive the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for attending each specifically called meeting. The aforementioned salaries shall not go into effect until after the general election in November of 2022 and shall increase by five percent (5.00%) every two (2) years thereafter.

All elected officials, officers, and employees of the Town shall be subject to the Town's adopted Travel Regulations and Policies.

The Town Council, at its discretion, shall fix the salary or any compensation for the Recorder, Treasurer, Police Chief, and any other officers that may be elected by the Town Council.

SECTION 3. Chapter 257 of the Private Acts of 1923, as amended by Chapter 25 of the Private Acts of 2003, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 24(1)(A) and substituting instead the following:

(A) City Judge--appointment, qualifications, terms. To serve as City Judge, an individual shall be thirty (30) years of age, shall be qualified to practice law in the State of Tennessee, shall before his election have been a resident of the State of Tennessee for five (5) years and of Dickson County for one (1) year, and shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town for a term of service of eight (8) years.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 5. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of White Bluff. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 6. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 5.